Amendment No. 3 to HB2503

Moore Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2501

House Bill No. 2503*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, Part 15, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section: § 47-18-15__.

- (a) It is an offense for any person to utilize any ADAD equipment to intentionally:
 - (1) Dial telephone numbers with area codes within the state; and
 - (2) Conceal or misrepresent the telephone number utilized by the ADAD equipment on the call recipient's telephone or other equipment that is technically capable of displaying the number by:
 - (A) Displaying a telephone number other than the telephone number utilized by the ADAD equipment;
 - (B) Not displaying the telephone number utilized by the ADAD equipment; or
 - (C) Displaying an "unknown number" message or similar message instead of the telephone number utilized by the ADAD equipment.
- (b) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor punishable only by a fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for each violation. For purposes of criminal liability, a court shall deem each call made in violation of this section as a separate offense.

- (c) It shall not be a violation of this section to display a phone number, different from the phone number being utilized by the ADAD equipment, on behalf of a person if:
 - (1) The phone number displayed on behalf of the person has a Tennessee area code or is a toll-free number;
 - (2) The phone number displayed on behalf of the person is answered during regular business hours by a designated representative of such person; and
 - (3) The person's name is displayed along with the phone number described in subdivisions (1) and (2).
- (d) The offenses described in this act shall not apply to a telecommunications, broadband, or voice-over-internet services provider acting solely as an intermediary for a transmission of telephone service between a caller and a recipient.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.